

Docket No.: 826.1930

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Shinji KIKUCHI et al.

Serial No. 10/796,059

Group Art Unit: 2616

Confirmation No. 4798

Filed: March 10, 2004

Examiner: Ahmad Matar

For: DEVICE FOR DETECTING FAILURE OF COMMUNICATION NETWORK

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: